MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE SURGEON GENERAL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND

THE SURGEON GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY

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SUBJECT: U.S. Army Veterinary Service Support for United States Air Force

1. Purpose. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made by and between The Surgeon General of the United States Air Force, hereinafter referred to as USAF; and The Surgeon General of the United States Army, hereinafter referred to as the U. S. Army. This MOU provides a basis for the use of U. S. Army Veterinary Service by the USAF. The MOU identifies responsibility and establishes relationships between subject parties. Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) standardize common services, logistic support services, and maintenance provided by USAF installations to visiting or permanently assigned U. S. Army veterinary personnel.

2. References.

- a. AR 40-657/AFR 161-32/Veterinary Medical Food Inspection.
 - b. AR 40-905/AFR 163-5, Veterinary Health Services.
- c. HA Policy: 0000007, Interim Policy for Department of Defense Veterinary Service.

3. Provisions.

a. The USAF acknowledges that there is a special relationship between the USAF medical treatment facility commander and the U.S. Army Veterinary Service representative just as there is between the base medical commander and all base medical organizations. The U.S. Army Veterinary Services is considered an integral part of the local Air Force medical staff and as such is NOT considered a tenant on the Air Force. This unique relationship entitles the Army veterinary service to receive common services; logistics support services; supply

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support, biomedical equipment maintenance support; and programming, planning, and funding for facility maintenance, sustainment, replacement, and repair. This support will be without reimbursement to the Air Force commander.

b. The U. S. Army Veterinary Service, as DOD Executive Agent for Veterinary Services will provide equitable veterinary service support to the Air Force without reimbursement to the Army commander.

4. Implementation.

- a. This MOU will remain in effect for an indefinite period. Either party may terminate it with at least 180 days advance notice to the other party.
- b. This MOU will be reviewed as required. Amendments, changes and/or supplements may be made with the written mutual consent of both parties.
- c. The Commander, U. S. Army Medical Department Activity/Center or appropriate overseas commander will negotiate local MOAs with the USAF responsible medical commander. The MOA will enumerate specific details of services/support provided by the local Air Force medical commander to the veterinary unit and the support/services provided by the Commander, U. S. Army Medical Department Medical Activity/Center to the local Air Force Commander. This MOU will become an enclosure to the MOAs derived therefrom.

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